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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed October 4, 2004.

The Notice of Allowance indicated that claims 2-8, 13, 15-21 and 16 have been allowed. This is incorrect. The total allowed claims should read 2-8, 13, 15-21 and 26: claim 16 has been withdrawn.

It is respectfully requested that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be mailed correcting this error and that the records of the Patent Office be corrected to ensure that the deed of Letters Patent will be printed correctly.

Respectfully submitted,

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